

Outdoor Education

Contacts

Outdoor Education Programs

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Welcome to an Arizona winter.

The outdoors in Arizona during the winter offer something for everyone, as long as you prepare for the possibility of abrupt weather changes. The Recreation Divisions for the City of Chandler and the Town of Gilbert have joined together to form the Chandler/Gilbert Outdoor Recreation Cooperative, which co-sponsors many of the outdoor recreation programs listed in this brochure. Our goal is to help you explore and enjoy the natural beauty of the Arizona outdoors.

Hiking

Expertise is not required in our program, but preparation is. Please, always bring the following items:

- Comfortable clothing
- Hiking boots
- Three quarts of water
- Hat or bandana
- Lunch, snack food
- Rain gear
- Remember, dress for the weather, but prepare for extremes

The outdoors is much more enjoyable if you're in good physical condition, please consider your capabilities. A parent or legal guardian MUST accompany every hiker under age 18.

Day Hikes

For all day hikes, you will have the opportunity to form car-pools at the Town of Gilbert Parks and Recreation Office, 70 E. Civic Center Dr., which is just south of Warner Rd. and east of Gilbert Rd. Please park and come prepared to drive. High clearance vehicles are recommended. It is customary to reimburse the driver \$.06 per mile if you choose to ride with someone rather than drive yourself. Each hike costs \$15 (per hike).

Hike Leaders: Elaine Furimsky and Justin Kern.

Hike ratings:

A = 9 or more miles, with an elevation gain of more than 1000 feet.

B = 5 to 8 miles, with an elevation gain of 500 to 1000 feet

C = Less than 5 miles, with an elevation gain of 500 feet or less

WEST WEBBER TRAIL

Hike the serene trail that skirts just below the Mogollon Rim near the town of Pine. We will start at the Geronimo Trailhead and hike three miles in along Webber Creek, eat lunch and return via the same route. The hike totals about six miles and gains about 600 feet.

Rated: B

Class Fee: \$15

Instructor/Supply Fee: \$0

Instructor: Kern

1500.415 Su 6/5 6 a.m. 12 yrs+

SEE CANYON

The hike starts at Christopher Creek (twenty-one miles east of Payson) on the Highline Trail. The See Canyon trail is a short but a challenging way to hike to the Rim. Beautiful pines and ferns grow along the trail, which follows the creek and then climbs steeply to the Mogollon Rim. Total hiking mileage is seven miles with an elevation gain of 1,400 feet. We will return via the same route.

Rating: B-A

Class Fee: \$15

Instructor/Supply Fee: \$0

Instructor: Furimsky

1501.475 Sa 6/18 7 a.m. 14 yrs+

KACHINA TRAIL

Take a break from the heat and head to Flagstaff where we will be hiking six miles with 700 feet elevation change in the high alpine terrain of the San Francisco Peaks. This gently rolling trail takes us through stands of aspen and groves of pines. The Kachina trail is ideal for hikers of all abilities. We will eat lunch halfway and return via the same trail.

Rated: B

Class Fee: \$15

Instructor/Supply Fee: \$0

Instructor: Furimsky

1502.475 Sa 7/16 6 a.m. 12 yrs+

DRY LAKE HILLS TRAIL

This hike will start about eight miles north of Flagstaff and will offer panoramic views of the Flagstaff area and amazing views of the San Francisco Peaks. We will start at Schultz Tank and hike through the forests filled with aspen, spruce, fir, and ponderosa pine. We will take time to eat lunch and enjoy the views. The hike will be about six miles and gain about 200 feet, topping out around 8,200 feet.

Rated: B.

Class Fee: \$15

Instructor/Supply Fee: \$0

Instructor: Kern

1503.475 Sa 7/30 6 a.m. 12 yrs+

WALNUT CANYON/FISHER POINT

Walnut Canyon is a small national monument located just east of Flagstaff. It is known for the Sinagua cliff dwellings at the end of the canyon and stretches for several miles across the Coconino Plateau. This hike will begin upstream from the monument and will let us see the beauty of this small but interesting canyon. We will hike to Fisher Point by using part of the Arizona Trail. We will enjoy the beautiful view, have lunch and return via the same trail. This area is managed by the Forest Service as a bird nesting area and known for its wildlife. Total hike is seven miles. Elevation gain/loss is 300 feet.

Rating: B-C

Class Fee: \$15

Instructor/Supply Fee: \$0

Instructor: Furimsky

1504.475 Sa 8/6 6 a.m. 10 yrs+

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Archery

BEGINNING ARCHERY

Learn the fundamentals of archery while you learn about safety, basic shooting skills and equipment. Instructor/Supply fee covers all of the equipment and items necessary to take this fun, indoor class.

Class Fee: \$10

Instructor/Supply Fee: \$40

Instructor: Mickey Richard

Location: Archery Headquarters, 6401 W. Chandler Blvd, one-mile east of I-10
(480) 961-3100 or visit www.archeryHQ.com

1515.475 Sa 6/11-7/30 9-10 a.m. 10 yrs+

Horsemanship – Valley Silver Bullets

The following three classes will be held at the Valley Silver Bullets Facility, 1991 S. Tumbleweed Lane (Germann Rd., west of Arizona Ave.). For more information, call Terri at (480) 963-3291 or Tami at (480) 786-6066. Ages 8 and older.

HORSEMANSHIP LEVEL 1 CAMP

Participants will ride daily; learn proper haltering techniques, and grooming skills, such as clipping and braiding, how to bathe a horse, cleaning and proper care of the tack. The class will end with daily feeding of the horses. Bring a water bottle each day and wear a heeled shoe for riding.

Class Fee: \$25

Instructor/Supply Fee: \$100

Location: Valley Silver Bullets

1516.425	M-F	6/6-6/10	8-10 a.m.	7 yrs+
1517.425	M-F	6/13-6/17	8-10 a.m.	7 yrs+

HORSEMANSHIP LEVEL II CAMP

Our Level II Summer camp will pick up where our Level I Spring and Summer Camps left off. We will start our week with a quick review of grooming; saddling and proper warm up of the horses. We will then move on to the different gaits of the horses, identifying the correct leads while on the horses, leg movements and balance. We will also start into the basics for western pleasure and trail in show and competition barrel racing and pole bending. The class will end with daily feeding of the horses. Bring a water bottle each day and wear a heeled shoe for riding.

Class Fee: \$25

Instructor/Supply Fee: \$100

Location: Valley Silver Bullets

1518.425	M-F	6/20-6/24	8-10 a.m.	7 yrs+
1519.425	M-F	6/27-7/1	8-10 a.m.	7 yrs+



Experience & Challenge the Outdoors

E.Ch.O. Team offers teenagers outdoor recreation fun!

Do you enjoy the great outdoors? Then join Chandler's E.Ch.O. Team. All teens ages 13-17 are invited to be a part of a fun group that plans outdoor excursions and activities such as hiking, camping, fishing, ropes course challenges, archery, horseback riding, rafting, and rock climbing. There is no limit to what we can do!

We will have E.Ch.O. Team Socials the first Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Chandler Community Center, 125 E. Commonwealth Ave. At these socials, you will get to meet other teens and help plan future activities. The summer socials will be held on May 4, June 1 July 6 and August 3. For more information on the E.Ch.O. Team for teens, call Abel Mendoza at (480) 782-2705.

See upcoming E.Ch.O. Team events on page 46.

Take the Path to a Healthier You!

National Trails Day June 4, 2005

The annual National Trails Day is commemorated in most parts of the country on the first Saturday in June. Because of the usual heat in June, we do things a little differently in Arizona. We are right in the middle of National Trails Season, which runs from April through June 4.

Hiking and walking can be a fun physical activity for you and your family. Adults should accumulate at least 30 minutes of physical activity most days of the week and children should accumulate at least 60 minutes most days of the week for health benefits. Including physical activity to your day can add fun and make you feel more energetic! A good activity could be a walk or hike with a family member, friend or even your dog.

Check out the miles and miles of walking paths and hiking trails in Chandler, especially at our spacious regional/community parks:

- ◆ Arrowhead Meadows Park, 1475 W. Erie St.
- ◆ Chuparosa Park, 2400 S. Dobson Rd.
- ◆ Desert Breeze Park, 660 N. Desert Breeze Blvd. E.
- ◆ Espee Park, 450 E. Knox Rd.
- ◆ Folley Memorial Park, 601 E. Frye Rd.
- ◆ Pima Park, 625 N. McQueen Rd.
- ◆ Snedigar Sportsplex, 4500 S. Basha Rd.
- ◆ Tumbleweed Park, 2250 S. McQueen Rd.
- ◆ West Chandler Park, 250 S. Kyrene Rd.

